



# Tekton Ministries

*"Serving God's people on their journey of faith"*

*Pilgrimage to the*

**MARIAN SHRINES** *of*  
**France, Spain, and Portugal**



October 17<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

☞ **Day 1 – October 17: Depart U.S.A.**  
Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your flight to Portugal.

☞ **Day 2 – October 18: Arrive Lisbon**  
After a morning arrival in Lisbon, you will meet your knowledgeable local escort, who in addition to the priest accompanying the tour, will be with you throughout your stay. Drive north to Fatima, one of the world's most important Marian Shrines and an important center for pilgrimages. Time permitting, we will make a stop in Santarem for Mass at the Church of St. Stephen, famous for its venerated relic, "the Bleeding Host" en route from Lisbon to Fatima.

☞ **Day 3 – October 19: Fatima**  
As in most small villages in the early years of the century, the parish church was the center of life and faith in Fatima. It was here that the three children were baptized and Lucy made her first confession at six years of age. The kindly priest who heard her confession told her to consecrate herself to the Blessed Virgin and she immediately did this in front of the statue of Our Lady of the Rosary. The following day she took Holy Communion for the first time. Jacinta also frequently came here to pray. Once on the feast of the Ascension, the Blessed Virgin appeared and asked them to pray the rosary every day and ask for world peace. After Mass at the Chapel of the Apparitions,



Fatima

visit the Basilica to see the site of Francisco and Jacinta's graves and the village where the three children lived. Continue to Valinhos where Our Lady appeared to the children following their release. This evening participate in the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacre, site of the first Apparition.

☞ **Day 4 – October 20: Fatima / Santiago**  
Depart Fatima this morning and drive north to Porto where we will visit the soaring Cathedral and admire the richly decorated Church of Sao Francisco. Then proceed to Braga which contains over 300 churches and is the religious center of Portugal. Our sightseeing here will include visits to Braga's Sé Cathedral which is the oldest in Portugal and the Bom Jesus do Monte which is an important pilgrimage shrine. Then continue on to Santiago de Compostela.



☞ **Day 5 – October 21: Santiago de Compostela**  
This morning we will enjoy a complete tour of Santiago de Compostela. Visit the impressive Cathedral which is considered to be one of the finest pieces of architecture in Europe. After Mass, climb up the stairs behind the altar to visit the crypt, where a silver urn contains the relics of St. James. See the Portico de la Gloria (Gateway to Heaven), an unparalleled masterpiece. Walk to the top of the Cathedral for a panoramic view of this glorious city. We will also visit the museum in the cloister adjoining the Cathedral.

☞ **Day 6 – October 22: Santiago / Salamanca**  
Depart Santiago de Compostela this morning and continue on across the Portuguese-Spanish border to Salamanca, one of Spain's foremost cultural centers,



Santiago de Compostela

a great university city and a showcase of intricately sculpted Renaissance architecture in golden stone. Visit the Plaza Mayor, which is regarded as one of the most attractive squares in Spain, and the Cathedrals Vieja and Nueva. Tradition tells us that St. James the Apostle journeyed to Spain in 40 A.D. to spread the Gospel as far as possible. He died a martyr's death after returning to Jerusalem and his remains were eventually returned to Spain and buried in this city.

☞ **Day 7 – October 23: Salamanca / Segovia**  
After breakfast, depart Salamanca for Alba de Tormes to visit the Carmelite Convent which contains St. Teresa's incorrupt arm and heart. Continue to the walled city of Avila, the birthplace of St. Theresa. Then visit the Convent of St. Teresa which was built after the canonization of St. Teresa (1515-82) over the



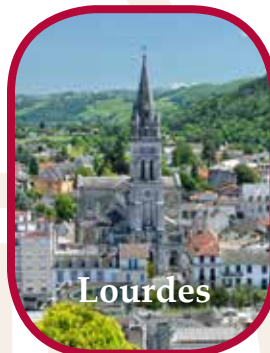
house where she was born. Visit the Monastery of the Incarnation where St. Teresa spent many years of her life, then to the Monastery of St. Joseph, her first foundation. Continue to Segovia whose cathedral is considered the last great Gothic church in Spain. Here we will pay our respects to another great Carmelite, St. John of the Cross, who served as spiritual director to St. Theresa of Avila.

#### ☞ Day 8 – October 24: Segovia / Zaragoza

Depart Segovia for Zaragoza. This is the chief city of Aragon and had traditions connected with the story of St. James and is the birthplace of the great Spanish painter, Francisco Goya. Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Pilar, where the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. James in 40 AD.



Salamanca



Lourdes



Barcelona

#### ☞ Day 9 – October 25: Zaragoza / Lourdes

After Mass, depart Zaragoza and drive across the Spanish-French border to Lourdes, one of the great pilgrimage shrines in the world. It was here where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in 1858 proclaiming herself the “Immaculate Conception.” This evening we will participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession.

#### ☞ Day 10 – October 26: Lourdes

You have all day to experience the special atmosphere of this beautiful town. Attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, visit the Basilica of St. Pius X, see the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions, and visit several of the sites where miraculous cures have taken place. After dinner, join the candlelight procession.

#### ☞ Day 11 – October 27: Lourdes / Barcelona

Depart Lourdes and drive over the Pyrenees to Andorra la Vella and view Romanesque churches and stone houses in the city’s quarter along with a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Meritxell. Continue on to Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia and explore the colorful markets of Las Ramblas before transferring to our hotel.

#### ☞ Day 12 – October 28: Barcelona

After breakfast, we will then visit Barcelona Cathedral followed by a visit to Gaudi’s La Sagrada Familia, a magnificent, unfinished Roman Catholic basilica of impressive proportions. We will then travel outside

of Barcelona to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat, the spiritual heart of Catalonia and home to a dramatically set Benedictine monastery. For 700 years this Marian shrine has attracted thousands of pilgrims from around the world. We pause here to visit the Black Madonna of Montserrat, probably Spain’s most fervent devotion to the Blessed Mother. Return to Barcelona for dinner.

#### ☞ Day 13 – October 29: Barcelona / U.S.A.

This morning we will transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

### Pilgrimage Price:

**\$3,095.00**

*per person/double occupancy*

*For a single occupancy please add \$552.00*

*For land only, please subtract: \$560.00*

#### These rates include:

- \* Arrangements for daily Mass
- \* Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis on United Airlines
- \* 11 nights accommodation
- \* All hotel taxes, parking fees, road tolls and other taxes as currently levied
- \* Breakfast and dinner daily
- \* Professional tour manager from arrival until departure
- \* Comprehensive sightseeing with professional guides
- \* All entrance fees as per itinerary
- \* Land transportation by private deluxe motorcoach
- \* Arrival and departure transfers for group flights only
- \* Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels

#### These rates do not include:

- \* Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$598.16 per person, subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- \* Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, drivers, and hotel/restaurant staff
- \* Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

*Departures from other airports available upon request.*

**Register Online at:**

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**Reservations and Payment:** Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$150.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

**Travel Documents:** A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for France, Spain, or Portugal. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on United Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

**Not Included:** Passport/visa fees, airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$598.16 per person subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/

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